

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/009,975	CUELLAR ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/22/04.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-30.
 3. The drawings filed on 22 November 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

I. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Flanders et al. disclose a method describes an authentication technique for use between a first communication unit, such as a subscriber unit, and a second communication unit, such as a fixed network communication unit, wherein the first communication unit modifies an ID, known to both the first communication unit and the second communication unit (such as a serial number), using data as one enciphering key and a second ID (such as a Personal Identification Number--PIN) as the other enciphering key.

Brown et al. disclose a method and apparatus for authentication between a subscriber unit and a communication unit of a communication system. The authentication is accomplished by providing a first subscriber unit identifier, first shared-secret data, second shared-secret data, a random challenge, and instant-specific information to the subscriber unit and the communication unit.

Pitiot disclose to preclude the reading of authentication key(s) contained in a mobile radiotelephone station by electronic means.

Amin et al. disclose a system and method is provided for detecting fraudulent use of a unique identifier associated with an authorized mobile station in a wireless telecommunications network.

Park discloses a method of managing mobile station operational parameters is disclosed in which a mutual authentication between a mobile station and a network is performed.

Patel disclose a method of strengthens authentication protocols by making it more difficult for handset impersonators to perform call origination using replay attacks.

Therefore, all of the above prior art fails to disclose forming a first fault information item in the first communication subscriber using a fault detection data item of the first communication subscriber and an information item relating to a random data item which has been transmitted to the first communication subscriber by a second communication subscriber in the communications network; transmitting the first fault information to the second communication subscriber by the first communication subscriber.

Claims 1-11 are cancelled.

Claims 12-30 is allowed based on Dent et al. in view of Oka [US 6091945] and also preserved by Applicant's response filed on 11/22/04.

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri. (8:10-4:40).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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